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## ENLISTMENT BILL.

Provision for Increasing the Military Establishment in Time of War.

## THE APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS.

Officers of Organization Enlisting as a Whole Will be Recognized—How Military Divisions are to be Formed and Regulated.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—The war department has issued a bill to provide for temporarily increasing the military establishment in time of war was sent yesterday to Chairman Hull, of the house military affairs committee, and Senator Hawley, the chairman of a similar committee in the senate. The measure was prepared under the immediate supervision of Assistant Secretary Melville John after a thorough and careful study of the best interests of the service. In transmitting the bill to congress a request is made for favorable consideration, and in view of the exigencies of the situation, speedily to be expected.

In this bill the army is to consist of two branches, the regular and the volunteer army, the latter to be maintained only during the existence of war or while war is imminent, and is to be raised and organized only after congress authorizes it.

All enlistments for the volunteer army are to be for three years unless sooner terminated. All the regimental and company officers of the volunteer army are to be appointed by the president, upon the recommendation of the governors of the states in which their respective organizations are raised.

Concerning the national guard, it is provided that all the members of any company or regiment of the organized militia shall enlist in the volunteer army in a body, as such com-

## THE FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

(First Regular Session.)

### Senate.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—In the senate Mr. Allen offered a resolution recognizing Cuban independence, and declaring that the United States would insist that Cuba should not be responsible for any debt of Spain. He and Mr. Butler discussed it, and then the senate took up the sundry civil bill.

The Cuban resolutions are engrossed form and bearing the signature of the speaker of the house was received, and the vice-president attached his signature.

### House.

The house presented a most desolate appearance when it convened at noon, after the weary all-night session.

While the journal was being read in the house, Mr. Hager (la), chairman of the committee on enrolled bills, brought in the Cuban resolutions, which had been enrolled under his personal direction. The speaker at once affixed his signature, announcing the same at 12:10 p. m., and the document was sent to the senate.

There was no demonstration. The enrolling clerk at his side seized the resolutions and hurried with them to the capital.

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